

White's Tree Frog

(Litoria caerulea)



Country of Origin	Australia, New Guinea, Indonesia
Average Size	Up to 5 Inches
Temperament	Calm, Docile
Food Source	Livefood
Experience Level	Beginner

This is a fascinating, often very attractive tree frog that can get quite a lot larger than other tree frogs, up to 5 inches in length for a female. These are nocturnal, calm and docile frogs, that have a deep call. This frog can be handled, but bear in mind that they can jump several metres in length, and have pads to stick to almost any surface - even glass!

The habitat must be secure as all tree frogs can be escape artists, and are hard to find if lost. The White's tree frog is very hardy, and is a good beginner frog.

All tree frogs require a vivarium with some height, branches to climb on, and populated with decor such as plastic plants, to simulate the natural environment of the forest. Humidity should be moderate - spraying the enclosure twice a day with a water bottle should be adequate. The substrate can be either bark chips, moss, or soil, or a combination.

You need a large water dish that is more than ample for the frog to sit in, and submerge itself. Although tree frogs do not live in the water, they enjoy soaking and bathing. If you house more than one frog, be sure that there is a big enough area of water for them all to fit in, so there is no competition for space. Temperature should be around 76-84F.

White's tree frogs have large appetites and will often eat as much as they can find. They eat live foods, such as crickets and locusts. It is important not to overfeed your frog, as they can get overweight, and this impairs their activity levels and health. A good way to check if your white's tree frog is eating too much, is to check the tympanic ridges. These are fat based arches above the eardrums. If you cannot see any ridges, the frog is underweight, and you can afford to feed it more. If the ridges are extremely large, and are covering the eardrums, or even encroaching and impairing the eyes, then the frog can afford to lose a little weight. It has been known for White's tree frogs to get so overweight, their vision is blocked by these fatty ridges.

In conclusion, the White's Tree Frog is a perfect first time pet for the amphibian enthusiast. It is attractive to look at, easy to house, very hardy against disease, eats almost anything you will supply, and is calm and docile to handle.

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